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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, delete lines 4-11 in their entirety. Please substitute the following paragraph therefor:

50000' → This patent application claims priority of U.S. provisional patent applications Serial Nos. 60/155,104, filed on September 22, 1999, 60/155,106, filed on September 22, 1999, 60/155,795, filed on September 27, 1999, 60/183,144, filed on February 17, 2000, 60/183,145, filed on February 17, 2000, and 60/183,143, filed on February 17, 2000. The contents of these provisional patent applications is hereby incorporated by reference. Furthermore, this application is filed as a continuation-in-part of United States patent application Serial No. 09/343,409, filed on June 30, 1999. ¶¶